



The Newsletter of the High Country, Tolland Massachusetts

The Tolland Tattler

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

HAMPDEN, SS.

To the Constable of the TOWN OF TOLLAND in the County of Hampden GREETING

IN THE NAME OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections to meet at the TOWN HALL in said TOWN OF TOLLAND on Tuesday, the twelfth (12) day of June next between the hours of 3:00PM to 7:00PM in the afternoon, for the following purpose:

TO VOTE BY BALLOT FOR THE FOLLOWING:

QUESTION 1. Shall the Town of Tolland be allowed to assess an additional \$100,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of DIRT ROAD RECONSTRUCTION for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at FOUR PUBLIC PLACES in said Town, Seven (7) days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the TOWN CLERK, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

GIVEN UNDER our hands this twenty-first (21) day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand seven.

SELECTMEN OF TOLLAND:

Eric R. Munson, Jr.
James Deming
Steven DellaGiustina

RESULTS OF TOWN ELECTION
HELD ON MAY 19, 2007
303 Registered Voters 45 Ballots Cast

Selectmen for 3 years	
Eric R. Munson, Jr	44
Write-In	0
Blank	1
TOTAL	45

Treasurer for 3 years	
Margaret A. McClellan	42
Write-In	0
Blank	3
TOTAL	45

Tax Collector for 3 years	
Margaret A. McClellan	44
Write-In	0
Blank	1
TOTAL	45

Town Clerk for 3 years	
Susan H Voudren	42
Write-In	0
Blank	3
TOTAL	45

Assessor for 3 years	
Susan S Moore	40
Write-In	0
Blank	5
TOTAL	45

Planning Board for 5 years	
James A. Joyce	42
Write-In	0
Blanks	3
TOTAL	45

Library Trustee for 3 years	
Penelope H. Babbitt	38
Write-In	0
Blank	7
TOTAL	45

Moderator for 3 years	
Write-in: Steven Della Guistina	2
Write-in: Lester Walker	1
Blank	42
TOTAL	45

Respectfully submitted,
Susan H. Voudren, Town Clerk



Tolland Town Directory

Town Hall - main number : 258-4794
Hours: Mon & Tues. 8:30am to 4pm
Wed. from 8:30am to 12pm

- Emergency - Police/Fire/Ambulance
Dial 911
- Non-Emergency -
Fire/Ambulance/Police 258-4515
- ASSESSOR CLERK - 258-4889
Hours: Mondays 10am - 4:00pm
- BOARD OF ASSESSORS - 258-4889
Hours: Mondays 10am - 4pm
Meeting: 1:00pm - 4th Tuesday of month
- BUILDING INSPECTOR
by appointment only - 258-4590
- DUMP HOURS - SUMMER HOURS
Sundays - 3:00 - 7:00pm
Wednesdays - 5:00 - 7:00pm
Saturdays - 9:00am - 11:00am
- FIRE DEPARTMENT - 258-2859
Meeting & Drill - 7:00 - 10:00
2nd & 4th Tuesdays of Month
- HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT - 258-4531
- HISTORICAL SOCIETY
6:30pm - 2nd Tuesday of month
- PLANNING BOARD - 7:00pm
3rd Monday of each month
- TOLLAND LIBRARY
Hours: Monday - 3:00pm - 8:30pm
Thursday - 11:00am - 4:00pm
Saturday - 10:00am - 12:00am
- TOWN CLERK - 258-4068
Hours: Mondays 2:00 - 4:00pm and
by appointment
- * SELECTMEN
Every other Monday at 5:00 unless other
wise noted - June 4 and 18.
- TAX COLLECTOR 258-4794

Fire Department News



The meetings/drills for the month of June are for the following Tuesday nights, June 5th and June 19th from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Anyone who wishes to stop by the firehouse during this time, please feel free to do so. New members always welcome.

Order forms for the reflective house number signs can be picked up at the Town Hall. An order form is printed in the Tattler also. These signs have proven to be very helpful when responding to calls by the Police Dept. and responding Fire Departments.

Members participated in an interior firefighting drill which consisted of a live burn in the town of Otis with the Otis fire department and other surrounding departments. This burn took place in the month of April. This hands on training exercise proved to be very helpful experience for our department.

The Tolland Fire Department has recently been given permission to practice interior and exterior firefighting techniques in an abandoned house in town. Through this practice we will gain valuable experience for our members and members of other fire departments in surrounding towns. This fall we will burn down this house which will prove to be another invaluable hands on training experience.

As many of you already know, the Town of Tolland will be purchasing a new Rescue Truck. Our current Rescue Truck is 30 years old and unreliable. The Rescue Truck responds to 90% of calls and the purchase of this new truck will prove to be invaluable to the town. Many thanks to all who came and showed their support for the fire department with their vote.

The following are the responses from April 21st through May 20th:

April responses:

- 1 - medical call
- 2 - brush fires
- 1 - motor vehicle accident
- 1 - mutual aid - Town of Sandisfield (brush fire)

May responses:

- 1 - medical call
- 1 - brush fire
- 1 - mutual aid - Town of Granville (brush fire)
- 1 - mutual aid - Town of Sandisfield (motor vehicle accident)
- 1 - mutual aid - Town of Granville (smoke in building)

A note for all, when you are grilling be sure to have a fire extinguisher close by and if using a propane grill, always be sure to turn off the valve on the tank after each grilling.

Have a safe and Happy Summer!

Chief, Robert Littlefield, Sr.

Tolland Volunteer Fire Department
REFLECTIVE ADDRESS MARKER
ORDER FORM

Please complete the following information:

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY, ST. , ZIP _____
PHONE NUMBER _____

Address Number Requested

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Note: if your address has fewer than 5 digits, please X those boxes not used.

MOUNTING PREFERENCE

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FOR INFORMATION, call 258-2859

Checks payable to: Tolland Volunteer Fire Department
162A Colebrook River Road
Tolland, MA 01034

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT FULL TIME:

The Town of Tolland, MA is seeking a full time (40 hour week) individual to work with the Public Works Department, A CDL license and some experience in road maintenance a plus. Hourly salary \$16.50. Send resume to:

Board of Selectmen
Town of Tolland
241 West Granville Road
Tolland, MA 01034

Granville Federated Church

American Baptist & United Church of Christ

16 Granby Road, Granville, MA 01034—Phone 413-357-8583

Webpage: www.granvillefederated.org <<http://www.granvillefederated.org>>

- NEW: Saturday, June 2 at 5:30 pm we will have a Fellowship Supper and Intro meeting for Youth Group open to all ages 5th grade and up. A meeting will be held at 6:15 p.m.
- On Sunday, June 3, we will celebrate Children's Sunday during the 10 a.m. worship service, followed by the Church Picnic and the 35th annual Southwick/Granville CROP Walk.
- The Ladies Aid will meet for a potluck luncheon at noon on Wed., June 20th. A meeting will follow. All are welcome.
- Dedicated women from Southwick Congregational and our church have been meeting at their respective churches since January. They have assembled and checked kits with purchased items (some with donated money) for Gift of the Heart Kits for Church World Service as well knit, crocheted, and sewed baby blankets, gowns and jackets. The results are amazing with Granville turning in 23 health kits, 8 baby kits, and 4 school kits. Southwick amassed 60 health kits, 73 school kits and 16 baby kits. The grand total is 184 kits. The Ladies Aid in Granville is paying \$35. and the Mission Committee in Southwick \$149. for shipping and handling. A huge thank you to all who helped with this important project. (Church World Service is the "CROP people.)
- Sunday, June 17—8:30 to 9:30 a.m. A delicious breakfast will be served in Fellowship Hall followed by the Morning Worship Service. Trained, certified babysitters are available for babies and small children.
- On Sun., June 24 at 11:15 a.m. we will meet with the Rev. Patrick McMahon for a discussion of religion in the news. Newcomers are welcome to join anytime.
 - Sunday—10am-Morning Worship & Sunday School
 - Monday—7pm-AA Meeting
 - Thursday—7pm-Adult Choir Practice
 - First Saturday—6pm-Potluck Supper
 - Third Sunday—8:30-9:30am-Breakfast served in Fellowship Hall
 - Third Wednesday—Noon-Ladies Aid Potluck Luncheon & Meeting
 - Fourth Sunday—11:15am—Adult Study Program led by the Rev. McMahon

All are welcome!

Tolland COA

Please save these dates: there are 2 exciting events and our first Yoga class of the season in June that you will not want to miss.

Granville Health Fair

On Monday, June 4, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 Noon at the Town Hall in Granville there will be a Health Fair open to Tolland seniors. It will include bone density testing, foot nurse, a 10-minute massage, blood pressure screening, SHINE counseling, blood sugar testing and much, much more information about resources available for local seniors.

You should not miss this wonderful opportunity to get free medical information and advice. Please call Betty Carpenter at 357-8557 for the foot nurse and massage. There is a \$10.00 charge for the massage.

Tolland Safety Talk

by Police Chief Munson III and Fire Chief Littlefield

The Tolland Council on Aging will sponsor a personal safety talk on the Third Thursday in June, (Thursday, June 21, 2007) from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. at the Tolland Town Hall. The topic of the talk is "personal safety". We are very pleased to welcome Tolland Police Chief, Eric Munson Jr. and Tolland Fire Chief, Bob Livingston to speak on this important topic. There are many aspects to personal safety, but generally following some good basic rules of common sense and simple instruction will help you avoid danger, whether it's in the home, in the street, or over the phone. Topics in this talk will usually include one or more of the following: the things to do, and not do, that will ensure your personal and home safety. People faced with an emergency often panic and tend to forget information as simple as a phone number. Tape your address and critical phone numbers to your home phone so that in an emergency you can just read and recite the correct information. Do not ever give out personal information (social security number and the like) out over the phone to anyone. Do not tell people on the phone that you live alone. As much as we dislike it there are unscrupulous people who might take advantage of knowing that. Make sure that your smoke detectors work. There are many more tips like this that you will learn.

Please come and learn things to make yourself safe. Please join us for this very informative talk. There will be a Question and Answer session after the talk, so you can get your personal question answered by our own Tolland experts. There will be refreshments and a chance to visit with your neighbors. Come and enjoy the program and the get together.

YOGA

The summer Yoga classes at the Tolland Town Hall will begin on Thursday, June 28, at 10:00 a.m. Please bring a mat, blanket, and pillow. The classes will continue on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. all summer and into September. It is open to Tolland seniors and adults from any town. A small donation is requested. Yoga is a wonderful way to strengthen muscles and bones, improve balance, and increase well being. The class will be again taught by Sally Barber of the Westfield Yoga Center. Pre-registration is not necessary. Drop in on any class. For more information, call Elethea Goodkin, Regional COA Coordinator, at 413-562-1095.

Bob Maselek, Tolland COA Coordinator



Tolland Public Library

We have great news. Not only is the Library up and running with satellite internet connection, not only is that connection available to everyone via wireless connection, not only has the town approved the purchase of a new wireless printer via the Annual Town Meeting, but now we have been given two new computers so that there should be little or no waiting time for a chance at a computer! Bill Dunn from Wildwood has very generously donated two CPUs with flat panel monitors, keyboards, mice and mouse pads to the Tolland Public Library. I am getting ready to run out and find some new desks for the computers and call Ray at Granby TV to get these babies hooked up so everything is operational by mid June. Thanks you Mr. Dunn. You have made a huge difference to the Library and all the patrons who use the computers here.

Dates to SAVE!!!

Beginning July 7th

Coffee and Pastry at the Library 10 am -12 pm

Thursday July 19th

Ed the Wizard at 1:00 pm. See the advertisement in the Tattler.

Thursday July 26th

Art Exhibit Open House at 7:00 pm. The art of Hillary Carl will be on display.
Refreshments will be served.

Thursday August

Learn to Juggle 1:00 pm. See the July Tattler for more information.

2007 GRANVILLE HARVEST FAIR COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND

Applications are now available for artists and craftsmen to apply for booth space at the 26th Annual Harvest Fair, Columbus Day Weekend, October 6, 7 and 8, 2007.

The following Granville organizations may be contacted for Vendor applications by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your request to:

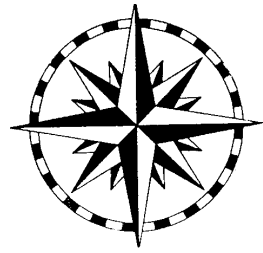
Federated Church – Jenny Maceyka, 173 South Lane, Granville
Old Meeting House – Coralie Stevenson, P.O. Box 193, Granville
Town Green – Linda Blakesley, 397 Main Road, Granville
Town Library – Nancy Petersen, P.O. Box 222, Granville
Village School – Susan Richardson, 462 Main Rd, Granville

FRIENDS OF YANNER PARK TO HOST FATHER'S DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SANDISFIELD – On Sunday, June 17th, Friends of Yanner Park will hold a Father's Day Pancake Breakfast at the American Legion Hall on Route 8 in Sandisfield. The breakfast runs from 8am to 11am and includes pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee. Admission is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children.

Friends of Yanner Park is a non-profit organization raising money to construct a park on 250 acres of forested land left to the town by the late Jack Yanner. The park will include a ball field, pavilion, playground, gardens and walking trails. For more information, visit www.yannerpark.org

Tolland Weather



	MAX.	DATE	TIME	MIN.	DATE	TIME
TEMPERATURE	88	May 9	2pm	36	May 7	5am
HUMIDITY	100% several times			9%	May 8	11pm
DEWPOINT	68	May 11	3pm	11	May 13	11am
BAROMETRIC PRESS.	30.47	May 7	9am	29.66	May 16	1am
WIND SPEED/DIR.	39 NW	Apr.28	9am			
WIND CHILL						
TOTAL RAINFALL	2.16 in.					

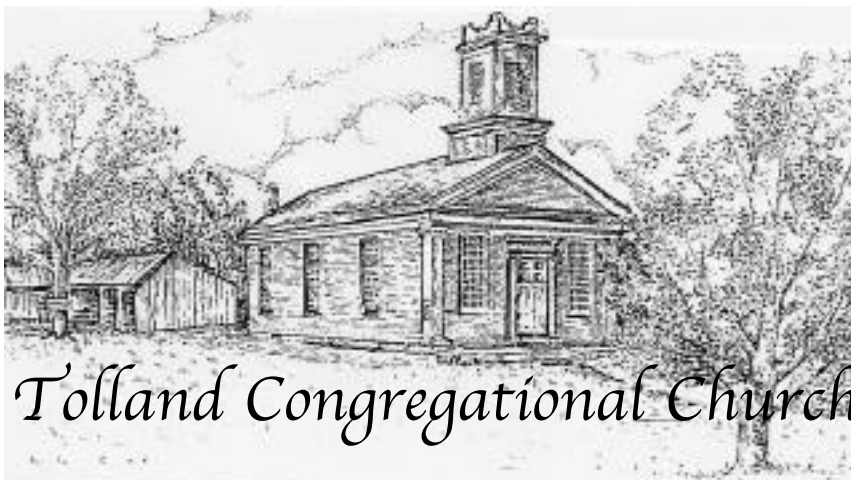
Comments: Notice the wide temperature change between May 7 and May 9. During this two day period, we experienced Arizona like dryness with 9% relative humidity recorded. Two days later, summer humidity was back with a 68 degree dewpoint recorded. May is the transition month towards summer.



For the period: April 20 to May 20, 2007

Elevation: 1500 feet above sea level

High Country weather prepared by Steve Strinie



Tolland Congregational Church

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Services will begin
on July 8 and continue
thru August 26
at 10:30am

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DEADLINE: Copy and calendar events must be received by the 20th of each month. Items can be mailed to the Town Hall, dropped off at the Town Hall or by E-Mail to: jeanwillow@crocker.com

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